

In the Claims

Please replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application with the following list of claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling a first and a second remote controlled apparatus comprising steps of:

receiving, at said first apparatus, first control signals that are associated with a first remote control device, said first apparatus being operatively responsive to said first control signals and to signals received from a broadcast medium that provides at least one of audio and video signals from a media content provider;

receiving, at said first apparatus, second control signals from said broadcast medium that are associated with a second remote control device that is physically distinct from the first remote control device, said second apparatus being operatively responsive to said second control signals;

receiving, at said first apparatus, third control signals from said broadcast medium that are associated with a third remote control device that is physically distinct from the first remote control device, wherein a third apparatus is operatively responsive to the third control signals;

storing said second control signals in said first apparatus;

accessing said stored second control signals responsive to selected ones of said first control signals; and

wirelessly transmitting said accessed second control signals from said first apparatus to said second apparatus to remotely control said second apparatus responsive to selected ones of said first control signals received from said first remote control device, without first transmitting said accessed second control signals to said first remote control device.

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23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said first apparatus remotely controls at least one said second apparatus.

24. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein said first apparatus is a set top box receiver.

25. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein said second apparatus includes at least one of a video recorder and a television.

26. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein said second apparatus includes a sound system.

27. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein said second apparatus includes home automation apparatus.

28. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein said second control signals are received from said broadcast medium in response to a request from said first apparatus.

29. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein said second control signals can also be received as part of a predetermined sequence from a portable storage medium.

30. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 29, wherein said portable storage medium is a smartcard.

31. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein said second control signals are received as part of a predetermined sequence from the broadcast medium.

32. (Currently Amended) A remotely controlled apparatus, comprising:
first receiving means for receiving first control signals from a first remote control device;
second receiving means for receiving signals from a broadcast medium that provides at least one of audio and video signals from a media content provider, said signals from the broadcast medium including second control signals that are associated with a second remotely

controlled apparatus that is operatively responsive to said second control signals from a second remote control device that is physically distinct from the first remote control device, said signals from the broadcast medium including third control signals that are associated with a third remotely controlled apparatus that is operatively responsive to the third control signals;

storage means for storing said second control signals;

control means for accessing said stored second control signals responsive to selected ones of said first control signals thus obtaining accessed second control signals; and

transmitting means for wirelessly transmitting said accessed second control signals to said second remotely controlled apparatus to remotely control said second remotely controlled apparatus;

wherein the transmitting means is further operative to wirelessly transmit said accessed second control signals received by said second receiving means from the broadcast medium to said second remotely controlled apparatus as said second control signals, to remotely control the second remotely controlled apparatus, without first transmitting said accessed second control signals to said first remote control device.

33. (Previously Presented) The remotely controlled apparatus of claim 32, wherein said control means stores said second control signals in said storage means.

34. (Previously Presented) The remotely controlled apparatus of claim 32, wherein said first receiving means is further operative to receive said second control signals from a second remote control device associated with said second remotely controlled apparatus.

35. (Previously Presented) The remotely controlled apparatus of claim 34, wherein the storage means comprises a smart card.

36. (Currently Amended) A remote control system comprising:
a first remotely controlled apparatus operationally responsive to first control signals associated with a first remote control device and to signals received from a broadcast medium that provides at least one of audio and video signals from a media content provider; and

a second remotely controlled apparatus operatively responsive to second control signals associated with a second remote control device that is physically distinct from the first remote control device;

a third remotely controlled apparatus operatively response to third control signals associated with a third remote control device,

wherein said first remotely controlled apparatus wirelessly transmits said second control signals to said second remotely controlled apparatus based upon said signals received from the broadcast medium to remotely control said second remotely controlled apparatus responsive to selected ones of said first control signals, without first transmitting said second control signals to said first remote control device,

and wherein said first remotely controlled apparatus wirelessly transmits said third control signals to said third remotely controlled apparatus based upon said signals received from the broadcast medium to remotely control said third remotely controlled apparatus responsive to selected ones of said first control signals, without first transmitting said third control signals to the first remote control device.

37. (Previously Presented) The remote control system of claim 36 wherein said first remotely controlled apparatus comprises:

first receiving means for receiving said first control signals from said first remote control device and second receiving means for receiving said signals from the broadcast medium;

storage means for storing said second control signals associated with said second remotely controlled apparatus operatively responsive to said second control signals;

control means for accessing said stored second control signals responsive to said selected ones of said first control signals; and

transmitting means for wirelessly transmitting said accessed second control signals to said second remotely controlled apparatus, whereby said first remotely controlled apparatus remotely controls said second remotely controlled apparatus;

wherein the transmitting means is further operative to wirelessly transmit said accessed second control signals from the broadcast medium to said first remotely controlled apparatus as second control signals to remotely control said second remotely controlled apparatus.

38. (Previously Presented) The remote control system of claim 37, wherein said control means stores said second control signals in said storage means.

39. (Previously Presented) The remote control system of claim 37, wherein said receiving means receives said second control signals from the second remote control device.

40. (Previously Presented) The remote control system of claim 37, wherein the storage means comprises a smart card.

41. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein said second control signals are received from said broadcast medium in response to a request from said first remote control device.